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Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members:

Mayor Muriel Bowser has proclaimed July 2015 to be Language Access Awareness Month. On April 21, 2004, the District of Columbia enacted the Language Access Act to provide the District's limited and non-English proficient (LEP/NEP) residents with greater access and participation to its programs, services and activities. Language access is at the heart of what MOAPIA does for residents and business owners in all eight wards. Please join me this month in commemorating the community interpreters and translators inside and outside of the District government who work tirelessly for our LEP and NEP residents.



With the summer in full swing, my office, in partnership with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, has launched *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!*, a series of fun and healthy outdoor activities held in Chinatown Park (located on the corner of Massachusetts Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW). Throughout July and August, we will be holding free morning Tai Chi sessions, evening yoga classes, and evening Tae Kwon Do classes taught by experts in the field. If you're available, please stop by Chinatown Park to find me at one of these sessions! Through our Start FRESH! series, we're hoping to activate Chinatown Park into a great neighborhood park for all communities. Look out for more exciting announcements very soon for community events like a block party and outdoor movie screenings.

Finally, check out *Beat the Streets DC*, a community festival being put together by Metropolitan Police Department, local social service agencies, and community vendors that will travel across all eight wards. Come listen to musical performances, enjoy free food, and meet members of your local police precinct. We will also be tabling at various Beat the Streets DC events. Stop by our table to speak to staff members and learn more about the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the District.

Warm regards,

David Do
Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

MOAPIA News

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
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The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

To submit events or announcements for the website, please contact oapia@dc.gov.

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Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Free Summer Fitness Classes

MOAPIA is hosting a series of free summer fitness classes as part of its **Chinatown Park Start FRESH!** project, a series of fun and healthy outdoor activities in Chinatown Park to encourage District residents to adopt healthy lifestyle choices.

Location: Chinatown Park (Mass Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW)

Schedule of Events:

- 7/13, 7 PM: Yoga in the City
- 7/14, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 7/20, 7 PM: Defend Back with Tae Kwon Do
- 7/21, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 7/27, 7 PM: Yoga in the City
- 7/28, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/4, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/11, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/18, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 8/25, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class

RSVPs are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed! To pre-register for yoga and Tae Kwon Do classes, please visit moapiasummerfitness.eventbrite.com. To pre-register for Tai Chi classes, please visit morningtaichi.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202) 727-3120.



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FREE SUMMER FITNESS CLASSES

location: Chinatown Park
(Mass Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW)

 **7/13 & 7/27, 7 pm: YOGA in the City**
Led by Chris Parkison of VIDA Fitness

 **7/20, 7 pm: Defend Back
with TAE KWON DO**
Led by Grandmaster Jon O'Kelly
of Northeast Tae Kwon Do



MOAPIA in the Community

MOAPIA Hosts *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* Events



7/13: Yoga in the City Participants



7/14: Tai Chi Participants

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

The MOAPIA [Community Calendar](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community events. Please check the Community Calendar page regularly for updates.

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CALL TO HOMEOWNERS: Participate in DDOE's RiverSmart Homes Program



Every year in the District, 25 million gallons of water flows into our local waterways. This means that every time it rains, rainwater becomes storm water pollution because it picks up toxic wastes such as oil and grease from our driveways and bacteria from lawns and pet secretions. The RiverSmart Homes program offers various services for homeowners to reduce storm water pollution entering D.C.'s local streams and waterways.

Not only will these RiverSmart Home installations help homeowners beautify their properties but they will also reduce levels of storm water pollution from local waterways. As a homeowner, installing any of the services such as rain barrels, shade trees, rain gardens, pervious pavers, and BayScaping will add beauty to your landscape, reduce water related maintenance, and save money on heating and cooling bills. As a DC resident, take advantage of these available incentive programs and help make the District a more environmentally friendly city!

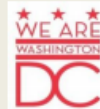
For more information on how to apply, please visit DDOE's website [here](#).

7/22 - DHCD Ward by Ward Check-in for Ward 1

The DC Department of Housing and Community Development invites all residents, business owners and community members to attend the "Ward 1: DHCD Ward by Ward Check-In Meeting" on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Greater Washington Urban League, 2901 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Housing and Community Development



You're Invited



DHCD Ward by Ward Check-In We Want To Hear From You!

Ward 1

July 22/6:30

Greater Washington Urban League
2901 14th Street, NW

DHCD is conducting a three month community meeting series in all eight wards. These meetings are designed to seek feedback and suggestions from community members to help shape the future of affordable housing throughout the District. Additionally, the agency will inform residents, business owners, and other community members of the agency's programs and services, current and future projects, and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 affordable housing budget.

Ward Meeting Dates. All Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

Future Meetings

Ward 2/July 30
MLK Memorial Library
901 G Street, NW

Ward 8/(Kick-Off) April 8
THE ARC
Ward 7/April 14
Marshall Hts. Comm. Dev. Org.
Ward 6/April 30
SE Neighborhood Library
Ward 5/May 14
Dunbar High School

Past Meetings

Ward 4/May 28
Coolidge Sr. High School
Ward 3/July 16
Woodrow Wilson Sr. High School



RSVP for meetings to dhcd.events@dc.gov. For additional information or questions visit www.dhcd.dc.gov or call (202) 442-7200.

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MPD Beat the Streets DC



This community outreach event serves as a traveling Community Festival and is a partnership between the Metropolitan Police Department, local social service agencies and community vendors.

In a 3 to 5-hour block of time, community members (of all ages) enjoy musical performances from local marching bands and the MPD Police Band "Cops Come Knockin," as well as a street festival-like environment with local vendors and literature distributed by local social service agencies. This is an opportunity for members of the community to experience the lighter side of the police department while enjoying dancing, free food and fun.

Upcoming Events:

- Fifth District (5D) - **7/22**, 3 - 7:30 pm, 700 24 St NE (Carver/Langston Terr. Horse - Shoe)
- Sixth District (6D) - **7/29**, 3 - 7:30 pm, 3700 Hayes St NE (Mayfair Mansions)
- School Supplies Give-A-Way - **8/20**, 5 - 7 pm, 1230 Sumner Rd SE (Picnic Area)

For more information, visit MPD's website [here](#).

Employment Opportunities

Career Connections

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The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits. So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and

national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

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